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1. The United Chemical and Metallurgical Works National Corporation, has its main plant in Usti nad Laben and subsidiary factories in Lovosice (N51/F43), Retenice (N51/F24) and Hradek nad Nisou (051/307). The Usti plant employs about 3,000, of whom about 500 belong to the Communist Party. Leading personnel in the corporation include the following:

a.	Manager	Ing. Smetana
b.	Production Manager	Ing. Hoffmann
c.	Production Manager for Inorganic Chemicals	Ing. Sucharda
d.	Technical Manager	Ing. Dr. Schneider
e.	Maintenance Chief	Ing. Pristoupil
f.	Chief of Machinery	Ing. Krivan
g.	Chairman of the KSC	Talyas
h.	Chairman of the Workers' Council	Budinsky
i.	Cadre Officer	Srp

2. The Usti plant produces the following chemicals:

a. Hydroxides and chlorine — Polish salt is put through electrolysis to produce sodium hydroxide for export to the USSR and pure chlorine. Chlorine production can reach 15 tons per day.

b. Ammonia and ammoniac salts

c. Gesamol

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d. Synthetic jewels

e. Sulphuric acid, chloro-sulphonic acid, sulphates — Production of these chemicals suffers from the lack of sulphur.

f. Phosphoric acid — Production suffers from a lack of African phosphates.

About 20 million Kcs was invested during 1950 to build a new sulphuric acid plant and to modernize the chlorine plant.

3. Laprepa Chemical Plant in Prague has branch factories in Vysocany, Jinonice, and Holesovice. It is believed to be probable that the factories in Vysocany and Jinonice, which produce chemicals and apparatus for clinical and laboratory use, will be transferred to Usti. The Holesovice enterprise will remain as a central warehouse for the United Chemical and Metallurgical Works. Leading personnel of Laprepa include the following:

a. Manager — Ing. Silha

b. Production Manager — Ing. Lacina or Jamatka

c. Sales Manager — Ing. Borovicka

d. Technical Manager — Dr. Schneider

e. Security Officer — Machacek

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